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1. ANY APPROACH WE MIGHT MAKE ON MSG'S PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE
IN NOVEMBER WILL HAVE TO BE THROUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
IN LISBON. IN ADDITION WE MUST OBTAIN CLEARANCE FROM THE
THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS HERE.

2. AS THE LIBERATION GROUPS HAVE NO EXPERIENCE IN FOREIGN
AFFAIRS AND NO KNOWLEDGE OF OUR SYSTEM OF USING MARINE GUARDS,
WE WILL NEED TO EXPLAIN THE SYSTEM TO SEVERAL KEY MEMBERS OF THE
GOVERNMENT. THIS WILL TAKE TIME, BUT IF THE DEPARTMENT SENDS
A FORMAL REQUEST NOW TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WE SHOULD
BE ABLE TO IRON OUT ALL PROBLEMS BEFORE INDEPENDENCE.
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